

1. Let $\mathbf{v} =_{\text{def}} \frac{\mathbf{r}}{|\mathbf{r}|^n}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, be a vector field in $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$, where $\mathbf{r} =_{\text{def}} [x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3]^\top$ denotes the position vector and $|\cdot|$ denotes the standard Euclidean norm. Find by direct computation $\text{rot rot } \mathbf{v}$, $\Delta \mathbf{v}$ and $\nabla (\text{div } \mathbf{v})$, and verify that

$$\text{rot rot } \mathbf{v} = \nabla \text{div } \mathbf{v} - \Delta \mathbf{v}.$$

Recall that $\Delta \mathbf{v} =_{\text{def}} \text{div} (\nabla \mathbf{v})$. It might be convenient to first find formulae for $\text{div } \mathbf{r}$, $\nabla |\mathbf{r}|$ and so on, and then to proceed using the identities of the type $\text{div} (\varphi \mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{u} \bullet \nabla \varphi + \varphi \text{div } \mathbf{u}$ and so on. (See the list presented during the last tutorial.)

2. Show that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 I_1(\mathbb{A})}{\partial \mathbb{A}^2} [\mathbb{B}, \mathbb{C}] &= 0, \\ \frac{\partial^2 I_2(\mathbb{A})}{\partial \mathbb{A}^2} [\mathbb{B}, \mathbb{C}] &= (\text{Tr } \mathbb{C}) (\text{Tr } \mathbb{B}) + \text{Tr} (\mathbb{C} \mathbb{B}), \\ \frac{\partial^2 I_3(\mathbb{A})}{\partial \mathbb{A}^2} [\mathbb{B}, \mathbb{C}] &= (\det \mathbb{A}) (\text{Tr} (\mathbb{A}^{-1} \mathbb{B}) \text{Tr} (\mathbb{A}^{-1} \mathbb{C}) - \text{Tr} (\mathbb{A}^{-1} \mathbb{B} \mathbb{A}^{-1} \mathbb{C})), \end{aligned}$$

where $I_1(\mathbb{A})$, $I_2(\mathbb{A})$ and $I_3(\mathbb{A})$ denote the principal invariants of matrix \mathbb{A} , that is

$$\begin{aligned} I_1(\mathbb{A}) &=_{\text{def}} \text{Tr } \mathbb{A}, \\ I_2(\mathbb{A}) &=_{\text{def}} \frac{1}{2} \left((\text{Tr } \mathbb{A})^2 - \text{Tr} (\mathbb{A}^2) \right), \\ I_3(\mathbb{A}) &=_{\text{def}} \det \mathbb{A}. \end{aligned}$$